

**RHODE ISLAND TITLE XXI STATE PLAN AND
SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM
FACT SHEET**

Name of Plan:	RIte Care
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Background

- On January 5, 1998, the Rhode Island Department of Human Services submitted a title XXI State Plan to expand its Medicaid program. Rhode Island's Medicaid expansion covers uninsured children between the ages of 8 and 18 in families with incomes up to 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The State's Medicaid section 1115 waiver program entitled, "RIte Care," was amended effective May 1, 1997, to include this population.
- The following groups of children are eligible for enhanced matching payments under Rhode Island's title XXI program: 1) children between the ages of 8 and 15 with family incomes between 100 percent and 250 percent of FPL; 2) children between the ages of 15 and 18 with family incomes up to 250 percent of the FPL; and, 3) children between conception and birth with family incomes up to including 250 percent of the FPL.

Amendments

- On November 10, 1998, the Rhode Island Department of Human Services submitted an amendment to expand benefits under Rhode Island's title XXI program for uninsured

children up to age 19 to 300 percent of FPL. The expansion will be accomplished in two ways: (1) using section 2110 of Subtitle J of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to cover uninsured children up to age 8 up to 300 percent of the FPL; and, (2) using income disregards to cover children aged 8 to 19 up to 300 percent of the FPL. This expansion has not yet been implemented.

- Rhode Island submitted its second amendment on June 27, 2002. This amendment updated and amended the SCHIP State Plan to indicate the State's compliance with the final SCHIP regulations.
- On February 5, 2003, Rhode Island submitted an amendment to its title XXI State Plan to add coverage for unborn children with family incomes up to and including 250 percent of the FPL and not eligible for Medicaid. Coverage is under a separate child health program and will include prenatal care and associated health services for children from conception through birth.

Section 1115 Demonstration

- On November 2, 2000, the State submitted a request for an SCHIP 1115 demonstration to obtain enhanced matching payments for an existing coverage expansion of parents between 100 and 185 percent of FPL and pregnant women between 185 and 250 percent of FPL. The parents had been covered under the Medicaid State Plan using section 1931 and the pregnant women were covered under the Medicaid section 1115 demonstration. Both populations receive services through the State's section 1115 Managed Care Demonstration, RIte Care.
- The State proposed to demonstrate that extending health care coverage to parents and relative caretakers will increase enrollment of targeted children in the SCHIP program and the appropriate use of preventive and other services, and help to contain health care costs.

Children Covered Under the Program

- In FFY 2002, the State reported that 19,515 children were ever enrolled in its SCHIP Medicaid expansion and 22,459 adults were ever enrolled in its SCHIP demonstration. The State estimates that it will enroll 675 unborn children in the Separate Child Health Program.

Administration

- The SCHIP program is administered by the Rhode Island Department of Human Services.

Health Care Delivery System

- Enrollees receive health services through RIte Care, the State's section 1115 Medicaid managed care demonstration.

- Under this demonstration program, the State contracts with licensed health maintenance organizations (HMOs), which participate in RItE Care to provide a comprehensive set of benefits to enrollees.

Benefit Package

- Enrollees in the SCHIP Medicaid expansion receive the Medicaid benefit package.
- Enrollees in the separate child health program receive Secretary-approved coverage that is the same as coverage provided under Medicaid.

Cost Sharing

- Children and pregnant women with family incomes between 185 and 300 percent of the FPL have the option of paying either premiums (on a sliding scale) or copayments.
- The State informs families of the 5-percent limit on cost sharing. When a family reaches the 5-percent threshold, it must notify the State and the State directs the health plans to cease collection of cost-sharing amounts.

Crowd Out Strategy

- Children must be uninsured to be eligible for the program. They also must not have dropped private insurance coverage with a premium of less than \$50 per month per family within 4 months prior to application.

Outreach

- Outreach activities include targeted mailings, distribution of materials to every school-age child in the State, coverage in the print media and professional newsletters, the Internet, piggy-back mailings with other State or local mailings, and public service announcements. A kick-off press conference has announced the beginning of each expansion in eligibility and television and radio interviews for staff were arranged.
- The State also has outreach activities planned for its non-English speaking populations. All printed materials that are available to the general public as well as the application have been translated into Spanish and distributed to Hispanic organizations throughout the State. Newspaper advertisements also have been placed in Hispanic newspapers and a Hispanic Outreach Subcommittee was created to provide recommendations to the Rhode Island Department of Human Services.

Financial Information**FY 2003**

Total FFY 2003 SCHIP Allotment – \$7,318,673

Enhanced Federal Matching Rate – 68.78%

FY 2003 State Share – \$ 6,686,718

FY 2003 Federal Share – \$15,171,956

Total-\$22,058,675

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